

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND USE ON ALL CARS OWNED AND OPERATED BY ANY RAILROAD COMPANY OR OTHER CORPORATION DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, OF SOME FORM OF AUTOMATIC CAR COUPLING, BY MEANS OF WHICH ALL CARS MAY BE COUPLED AND UNCOUPLED WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF THE BRAKEMAN OR OTHER PERSON PASSING BETWEEN THE CARS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That every railroad company on and after the first day of July, 1886, owning
2 or operating a railroad, or any portion of a railroad, wholly or partly in this State, shall
3 place or cause to be placed, upon every freight car thereafter constructed, purchased, or
4 leased by such corporation, and upon every freight car owned or leased by such corporation
5 which is sent to the shop for general or specific repairs, or for repair of the coupling
6 fixtures thereof, with the intent to use such car, such form of automatic or other safety
7 coupler, at each end thereof, as the Commissioner of Railroads after examination and test
8 of the same may prescribe. And such Commissioner of Railroads, on or before May 1, 1886,
9 shall select two or more different patterns of automatic or safety couplers which will couple
10 with each other, and also with the link and pin coupler now generally in use, from which
11 patterns said railroad companies may select couplers for use on cars, as required by this
12 act.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this act may be enforced by any circuit or district court of this
2 State, in any county through which the railroad of any company refusing to comply with
3 such provisions may run, upon application of the Commissioner of Railroads, under such
4 penalty as the said court may determine, of not less than two hundred dollars for each
5 violation of the provisions of this act.